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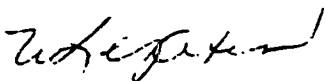
Dear Ms. Wheeler:

The South Carolina Hospital Association has long recognized the dangerous health and safety consequences associated with smoking. In an effort to reduce tobacco use, maintain a clean and healthy environment for our employees and patients, as well as to ensure the safety of patients, SCHA has asked its member hospitals to implement smoke-free policies by 1991. About 65 percent of the state's hospitals are smoke-free already, and most of the remaining facilities have set target dates to go smoke-free pending orientation and smoking-cessation programs.

SCHA fully supports the efforts of DHEC's new coalition on smoking and tobacco control and will send representatives to participate in meetings and provide manpower assistance as needed.

SCHA is confident that DHEC and the American Cancer Society are more than capable of administering a contract to support this coalition project.

Sincerely,



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